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## TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### House Membership

### Representative Bob Hunter



### Biographical Information

Bob Hunter was elected to serve the people of Abilene and Taylor County in the Texas House of Representatives in a Special Election on August 9, 1986, and was re-elected at the November General Elections in 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002. As a result of redistricting, he now represents all of Nolan and Taylor Counties in Texas. He currently serves on the House Committee on Regulated Industries as Vice-Chairman and is a member on the House Committee for Urban Affairs. He previously was Chairman of the House Committee on State, Federal, and International Relations for five sessions, which had oversight of historic preservation, the arts, cultural affairs, libraries, state archives/symbols, international affairs, economic development, tourism, and the military and veterans affairs for our state. He has also served as Chairman of Budget and Oversight for the public higher education institutions of the state.

He is currently a member of the House Republican Caucus, the Rural Caucus, the Tourism Caucus, and the Texas Legislative Caucus for Missing & Exploited Children. He also serves on the Steering Committee for the House Research Organization, and he is a current member and former Chairman of the Texas House of Representatives Veterans Coalition formed in 1999.

He was named in 1992 to the Joint Select Committee of the House and Senate to study higher education issues in Texas. In 1994 he was named by the House Speaker to co-chair the Special House Select Committee on NAFTA and GATT (North American Free Trade Agreement and General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). He was elected Vice Chairman of the House Veterans Caucus in 1997. He was one of 15 Texans named by Governor Bush to the committee which chose a design for the state quarter that will be released in 2004.

He has served as Texas' Vice Chairman for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and on their Trade and Transportation Task

Force. He has served on the Economic and Cultural Development Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), on the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), and on the International Committee for the Council of State Governments (CSG).

He was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree from Pepperdine University in 1974, a Doctor of Humane Letters from Texas Wesleyan College in 1979, a Doctor of Letters from the University of St. Thomas in 1983, a Doctor of Laws from his alma mater, ACU, 1993, a Doctor of Laws from Hardin-Simmons University in 1997, and a Doctor of Laws from McMurry University in 2003. He has served Abilene Christian University in various administrative capacities since 1956 and presently serves as Vice President Emeritus of the University.

For a ten-year period between 1970 and 1980, he also served as the Executive Vice President of the 40 fully accredited Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas. He coordinated passage of the Texas Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) program which helps needy Texas students attend the private college or university of their choice in Texas.

Bob and his wife Shirley have been residents of Abilene since 1956 where he has taken an active part in civic affairs, including a three-year term on the Abilene City Council. He has served on the Board of Directors for Abilene Classical Chorus, Meals on Wheels Plus, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, United Way, Business Aid, and the Rolling Plains Technical Foundation. He serves on the Advisory Boards for the Chisholm Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center, the Salvation Army, the Mental Health Association, the Junior League of Abilene, West Texas Autism Center, and the Day Nursery of Abilene. He is also a member of the Community Justice Council for Taylor-Callahan-Coleman Counties. He and Shirley have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Bob has served on numerous state, regional, and national boards in the field of higher education. He served on the Advisory Council for Technical-Vocational Education in Texas from 1977-1983 (1980-1983 as chair) by appointment of Governor Dolph Briscoe and was a member of the Texas Historical Commission (1983-1986) by appointment of Governor William P. Clements, Jr. until he became a member of the Texas Legislature in 1986.